Employment Development Agency

Eighth Annual Report

For the Year Ending
March 31, 2001

Prince Edward Island
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Message of the Minister

The Honourable Leonce Bernard
Lieutenant Governor
Province of Prince Edward Island

May It Please Your Honour:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Employment Development Agency for the period April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.

Your Obedient Servant,

Michael F. Currie
Minister of Development and Technology

Message of the Chief Executive Officer

The Honourable Michael F. Currie
Minister of Development and Technology
Province of Prince Edward Island
Charlottetown, PEI

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the seventh Annual Report of the Prince Edward Island Employment Development Agency covering the fiscal year April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Jelley
Chief Executive Officer, Employment Development Agency

Introduction

The Employment Development Agency completed its eighth year of operation March 31, 2001. The agency provided wage subsidies to community groups, nonprofit organizations, municipalities, departments and agencies to stimulate new employment opportunities on Prince Edward Island. In fiscal year 2000/2001 the agency authorized a total of 1,203 projects, employing 2,345 people for a total of 18,610 person weeks of employment. See Appendix A for program statistics.

Operations

Management is responsible for the delivery of all agency projects with primary responsibilities being: budgeting, budget management, payroll, project management, placements and payroll audits. As of March 31, 2001, the agency had a staff of five full-time and four part time employees. The approved operating budget for the fiscal year was $3,722,100, with actual expenditures totalling $5,495,523. Detailed expenditures are shown in Appendix B.

Project Reports

Forestry Projects

The Employment Development Agency subsidized wages for Job Creation Projects carried out by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry for work carried out on Crown land throughout Prince Edward Island. In fiscal 2000/2001 the agency approved 21 projects, creating 1,271 weeks of employment for 128 employees. The following shows work completed:

Crown Land Silviculture Work	82.75	hectares
Tree Planting	20,899	seedlings
Right-of-way Cutting	5.28	kilometres (roads)
Cords of Wood Harvested	912	cords
Road Maintenance	21.2	kilometres
Boundary Line Maintenance	4.5	kilometres
Silviculture, First Aid & Fire Training	89.9	person weeks
Tree poles for CJ2001 programs	7100	poles

Other:

- Provincial Forest signage program
- Experimental winter harvest of ground hemlock
- Forestry equipment maintenance, repair, and fabrication
- Set up of eastern district tree holding area
- Erosion control operations on Provincial Forest roads

- 3 forest fire suppression operations plus post fire equipment maintenance
- Collection of 2.8 ship to shores of cones for production of superior seedlings
- District Office and grounds maintenance
- Clerical support duties
- Maintenance of Memorial Forest
- Maintenance of the 9.4 km. Demonstration Woodlot Educational -Trails and signage system and 15 kms. of ski trails
- Assistance in the production of ornamental nursery seedlings
- Maintenance of the Dover Seed Orchard and collection of improved tree seed

Special Projects (Nonprofit Organizations)

The Special Projects Division of the Employment Development Agency provides wage subsidies to nonprofit organizations and the public sector for short-term employment projects. The projects vary in scope as well as duration. In fiscal 2000/2001 there was a total of 704 projects approved, creating 11,785 person weeks of employment, providing short-term employment for 1,481 Islanders. Some major project sponsors included Harbourview Training Centre, Eastern Kings Sportsplex, Boughton River Watershed Enhancement Association, Town of Georgetown, PEI Blueberry Growers Association, City of Charlottetown, Charlottetown Area Development Corporation, Town of Cornwall, Salvation Army, Jacques Cartier Memorial Area, Summerside Boys and Girls Club, PEI Shellfish Association and Tignish Sports and Recreation Association.

Jobs for Youth (Private and Nonprofit Sector)

The private and nonprofit component of the Jobs for Youth program provided funding toward wage costs to assist businesses and nonprofit organizations in providing meaningful employment to Island students and youth. The average duration of a project was eight weeks. In fiscal year 2000/2001, the private sector approved 174 projects, employing 190 individuals, for a total of 1,518 person weeks of employment. The nonprofit sector approved 206 projects, employing 301 individuals, for a total of 2300 person weeks of employment.

Jobs for Youth (Public Sector)

The public sector component of the Jobs for Youth program provided work experience for Island students. Work was created by provincial departments and agencies, sponsoring short-term projects operating between May and September. The average duration of a project was eight weeks. In fiscal year 2000/2001 the public sector approved 98 projects, employing 245 students, for a total of 1,736 person weeks of employment.

Appendix A
1999/2000 Program Statistics

Programs	Projects Approved	Employees	Person Weeks
Forestry	21	128	1,271
Special Projects	704	1,481	11,785
Jobs for Youth			
Private Sector	174	190	1,518
Nonprofit	206	301	2,300
Public Sector	98	245	1,736
TOTAL	1,203	2,345	18,610

Appendix B
2000/2001 Financial Report

	Estimates	Expenditures
Management		
Administration	$10,500	$11,543
Equipment	2,600	9,330
Material & Supplies	4,700	4,429
Professional Services	500	0
Salaries & Wages	310,000	307,546
Travel & Training	9,400	8,612
TOTAL	337,700	341,460
Special Project *(Forestry)*		
Salaries & Wages	584,500	367,536
TOTAL	584,500	367,536
Job Creation & Placement *(Special Projects)*		
Professional Services	0	153,553
Salaries & Wages	150,000	183,484
Grants	1,702,700	3,349,480
TOTAL	1,852,700	3,686,517
Jobs for Youth *(Private & Nonprofit)*		
Grants	570,400	687,937
TOTAL	570,400	687,937
Jobs for Youth *(Public Sector)*		
Wages	376,800	412,073
TOTAL	376,800	412,073
TOTAL AGENCY	**$3,722,100**	**$5,495,523**

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